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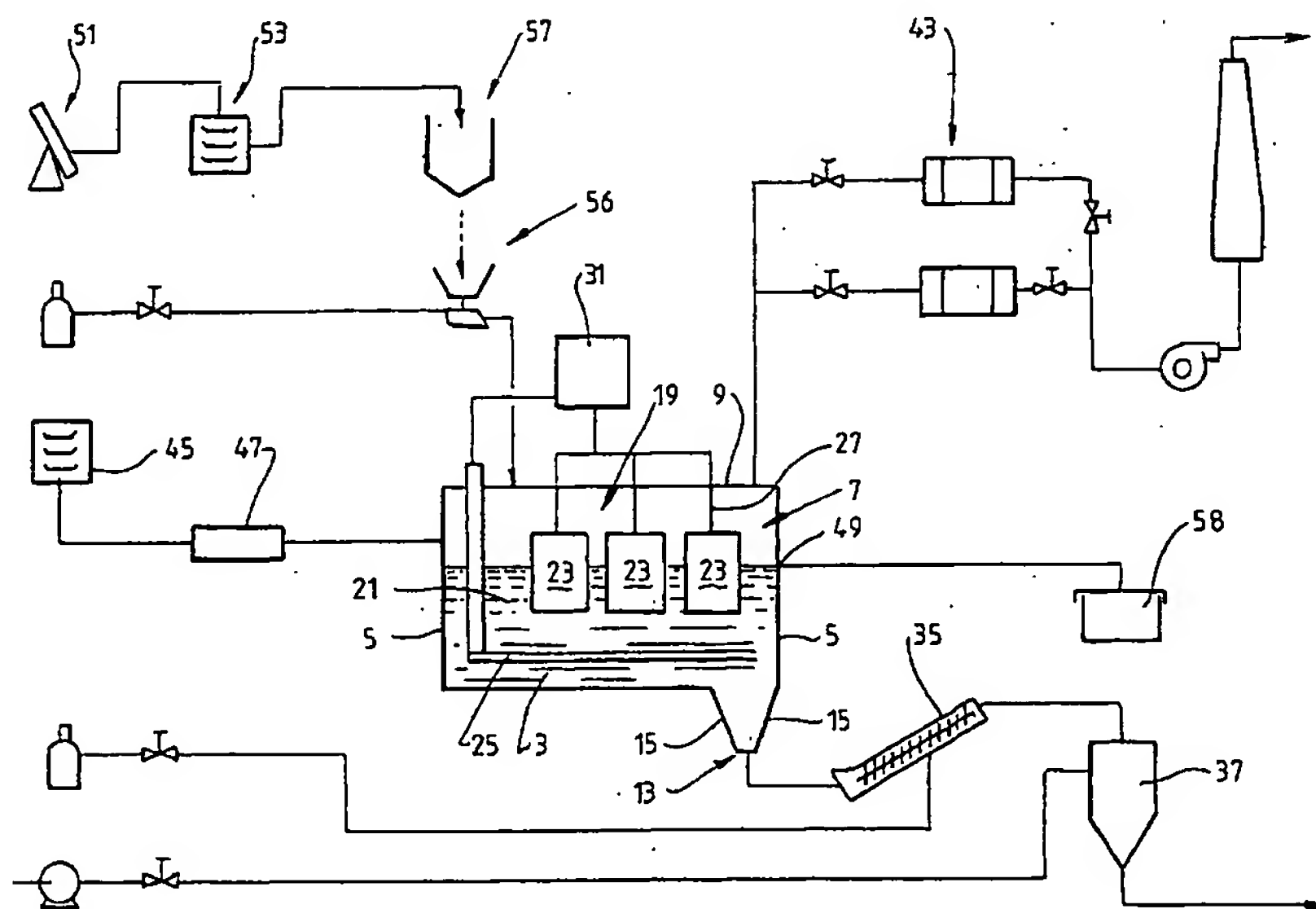
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(57) Abstract: A process for electrochemically reducing a metal oxide feed material in a solid state in an electrolytic cell is disclosed. The cell includes a molten bath of electrolyte, an anode, a cathode, and a means for applying a potential across the anode and the cathode. The process is characterised by supplying an amount of electrolyte into the bath that is greater than the amount of electrolyte that is required to replace electrolyte removed from the bath with reduced material and removing molten electrolyte from the bath to maintain the bath height at a required height or within a range of required heights.

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